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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 8, 2003 and the Advisory Action of August 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this Amendment, enter the Notice of Appeal, and grant the concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time.

(1) Amendments to the claims begin on page 2; and

(2) Remarks begin on page 6.